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Commander's Corner

Cdr Jerry Murphy, JN

Greetings to all San Diego Squadron Members and Friends!



Hopefully many of you are out boating or at least outdoors enjoying the Southern California sunshine and warm temperatures. Our San Diego Squadron continues to have a productive year. Seven of 7 Boat Handling (Seamanship) Course students took the exam in April and passed the final exam. We now have 5 members with a new "S" after their names and one new AP! They are **Peter Blake, S; Stephanie Hagstrom, S; Lt Alice Kulikowski, S; Lt/C Pete Oberg, S; Sue Trebon, S, and Lt Louis Swanepoel, AP.** Alain Leroy, not yet a member, also passed the exam.

Long time competitive sailor and new SDSPS member **Colleen Cooke** taught our Sail course this Spring. Two students took the course and passed the exam, with another member auditing the course (having passed it years ago). Our first of two Public Boating Courses (8-week version), taught by **P/D/C Doug Bass, SN-ON**, enrolled 8 students, 7 of whom completed the course, and all passed. A second long Public Boating Course began on 27 July with 3 students. Our Cruise Planning course, taught by **P/C Ted and Claudia Bowler, AP**, is due to start on 1 September. Marine Navigation (Piloting) and The

2026 SDSPS Calendar

(1st Half of the Year)

03 Aug	Executive Committee Meeting
15-16 Aug	Rendezvous: Santa Cruz, Channel Islands
12-13 Sep	Raft-Up: Cat Harbor, Catalina Island
07 Sep	Executive Committee Meeting
19 Sep	GMM-Potluck Education GMM
20-27 Sep	USPS Governing Board Meeting – Cary, NC
19-20 Sep	SLRSPS Oceanside Raft-Up
05 Oct	Executive Committee Meeting
23-25 Oct	SLRSPS Raft-Up – Mission Bay
02 Nov	Executive Committee Meeting
14 November	GMM SWYC
18 Nov	SLRSPS Instructor Appreciation Dinner
28-30 Nov	Raft-Up: La Playa Cove
07 Dec	Executive Committee Meeting
13 Dec	San Diego Parade of Lights BBQ Potluck (Sunday)
16 Dec	SLRSPS Christmas Party – (Site TBD)

(Note: the calendar is subject to change)



Weather course is planned to begin in October.

Our May General Membership Meeting was held at Mimi's Coffee Shop in Mission Valley. **P/D/C Doug Bass** gave a talk on Rafting Up and led an open forum discussion on how to do that well. Our annual Mission Bay BBQ was held at De Anza Cove and attended by about 15 members of both San Diego and San Luis Rey Squadrons plus at least 9 guests, two of whom are recent Public Boating Course graduates and are considering joining our squadron. **Lt/C Pete Oberg, S**, organized the event and flipped the burgers and dogs. **Lt Alice Kulikowski, S**, ran a raffle of donated gifts that helped to defray the costs of the event. At the July GMM/BBQ we voted to move our September GMM date to 12 September, where it will be held at the Bowlers' home in El Cajon.

We have one new member this Spring. **Richard Matta** is a long-time sailor and boater who took a USPS seminar a few years ago, and desired to join a group where he could deepen his knowledge and share some boating fellowship. He came to our May GMM at Mimi's and has already expressed an interest to help teaching in the future. It is good to get another boat owner into the Squadron. Welcome aboard Richard! San Diego Squadron had a presence at the San Diego Boat Show. We greeted people and passed out flyers regarding our courses. However, as has been the trend, this has not produced new members or students at our courses in any meaningful numbers. This year's boat show seemed geared to high end buyers rather than entry level boaters who might be more interested in our courses. Nevertheless, we were there, showing the Ensign. There was insufficient interest to man a booth at the Wooden Boat Festival this year.

2027 SDSPS Calendar

04 Jan	Executive Cte Mtg
16 Jan	GMM-SDSPS CoW
17 Jan	SLRSPS CoW TBD)
01 Feb	Executive Cte Mtg
07-14 Feb	USPS Ann. Mtg (Tampa)

(Note: the calendar is subject to change)

Financially, San Diego Squadron continues to be on sound footing, with all activities paying for themselves. Our keys to this success are a conscientious Treasurer, **P/C Carole Hallcock, AP**, and good communication between our Squadron Education Officer, **P/C Steven Bakalis, SN**, and

the Treasurer. SEO Steven is careful about returning excess materials to National on time and using USPO Book rate to keep costs down. Our Admin Officer, **Lt/C Pete Oberg, S**, and Historian **Lt Alice Kulikowski, S**, carefully organize meetings and run raffles and auctions to help pay our bills. Our capital investment this year has been a Meeting Owl which has markedly improved communication at our Executive Committee Meetings. We anticipate expanding its use to GMMs and even selected courses in the future.

We are delighted to note that our **P/R/C Allan Bombard, SN-ON**, has been nominated to fill the open position as USPS National Executive Officer starting at the Fall National Meeting. Allan's leadership has been instrumental in the success of our squadron and district for many years. We wish him every success in this election and, hopefully, with his resumed service at the National level.





Thank you to all who are working to keep our squadron active by teaching, organizing, accounting, raffling, and working together to hold each other to the highest standards of seamanship, navigation, and small boat handling.

Jerry

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Source: FaceBook

Executive Officer

(Open)

Vessel Safety Check Update (2026)

“We will come to you.”



36 (Year to Date)

Anyone interested in becoming a vessel safety examiner should contact **P/C Bob Gibbs, JN-IN** at (858) 255-9527.

The online Ship's Store is still under repair with no availability date at this time. Mary Ann Jensen is working on getting a pop-up store for **Vessel Safety Check uniforms and supplies** ready by Governing Board but can't be certain if this will happen.

There are a few ladies vessel examiner shirts available in the Ship's Store, sizes small, medium, large and extra-large. Those are on sale for \$5 each. If any of your vessel examiners want one of these shirts, please let Mary Ann know (including size), and I will set them aside for the Governing Board.

As an alternate, they can follow the ordering instructions located on the Ship's Store website. You can reach her at jensene@msu.edu



Administrative Officer

Lt/C Peter Oberg, P

We had a wonderful BBQ at the July General Membership Meeting (GMM), held at the park in DeAnza Cove, where 21 people attended. Our next GMM will be held on Sept 12th at the home of **P/C Ted and Claudia Bowler's** home - flier to follow!



Commander Jerry Murphy, JN; P/C Bob Gibbs, JN-IN; P/C Darryel Simmons, JN-ON (Oceanside SPS)



Lt/C Phil Woefel (Oceanside); P/C Commander Ted Bowler, AP

Have a safe time on the water,
Pete

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Secretary

Lt/C Paula Vance, P

As you all know, **Commander Jerry Murphy, JN**, holds Executive Committee meetings the first Monday of every month at the Southwestern Yacht Club. All are welcome to join in. As the Club Secretary, I record the minutes of each meeting. Here are some interesting meeting notes:





We had good participation from volunteers at the International Boat Show in June. We used the new canopy and tablecloths in the booth.

We are always eager to welcome new members. Here's the current process for new members to join:

1. The prospective member fills out a membership application, for either an individual or a household. Link to the form on the National website at <https://www.usps.org/national/hq/forms/MemCom1.pdf>
2. The prospective member hands or emails the completed application to a current Bridge member, who forwards it to Commander Jerry.
3. A check for the membership fee of \$116 for an individual and \$156 for a household is handed or (snail) mailed to the Commander Jerry and he will register the new member(s) online.
4. Any new members are sworn in at the next GMM.

Please join me in welcoming new member **Richard Matta**.

We are always looking for new ways to publicize our classes and events and to recruit new members. The Squadron Bridge has suggested that the membership committee hold a membership workshop to come up with effective approaches in the fall. We could possibly reach out to the Association of Yacht Brokers, to brokers we know, and to marina operators. If you have ideas, please reach out to any Bridge member. We'd certainly like to hear from you.

Source: FaceBook

Our District Education Officer, D/Lt/C Jay Higgins', SN wife died recently. **Carole Hallock**, AP and **Richard Cross**, SN-ON will attend her memorial service. **Allan Bombard**, SN-ON and Carole sent letters of condolence.

Thanks to **Steven Bakalis**, SN for our ever-improving relationship with SWYC. Steven works with the Club management to arrange classroom space and collaborates as needed with Admin Officer **Pete Oberg**, S to plan meetings and events at SWYC.

Each year our Squadron sends \$1 for each member to the National Education Endowment. These payments help fund the development of our courses and seminars. Individuals often make additional donations, particularly in honor of other Squadron members.

The National email addresses for membership questions is: Help@usps.org

I speak for everyone on the Executive Committee in encouraging each or you to join us in helping to plan, set up, and run our events and classes. To learn more about these opportunities, please contact one of us at ExCom@SDSPS.org.

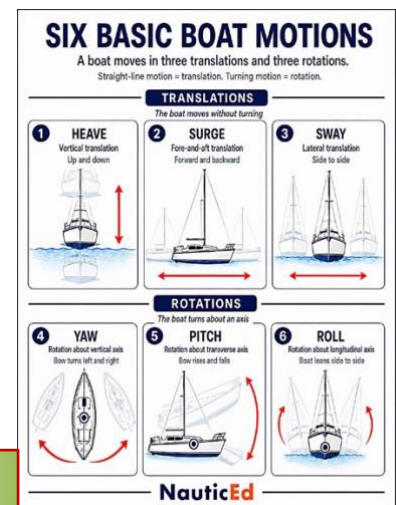
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Source: FaceBook





Education Dept. Report

P/C Steven Bakalis, SN
SDSPS Educational Officer



Sharpening Your Seamanship: How Cruiser Navigation Rallies Elevate Your Navigation Skills

For many members of the San Diego Sail & Power Squadron, the Marine Navigation and Advanced Marine Navigation courses are where confidence truly begins to take shape. Chart plotting becomes second nature, currents and set/drift calculations start to feel intuitive, and the once-mysterious dance between time, speed, and distance becomes a reliable tool rather than a source of stress.

But there's a secret many long-time navigators will tell you: the classroom is only the beginning. The real transformation happens when you take those skills out on the water, especially in the form of Cruiser Navigation Rallies.

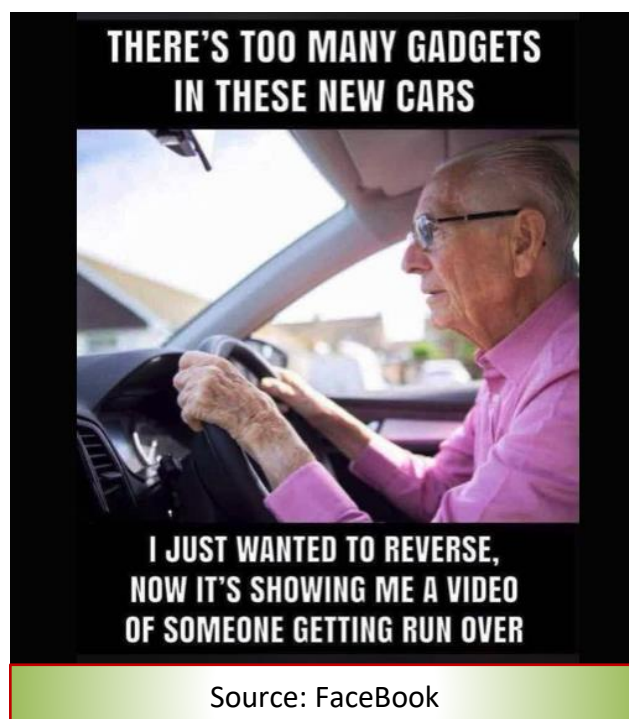
Why Cruiser Navigation Rallies Matter More Than You Think

Cruiser Navigation Rallies are one of the most effective ways to reinforce and elevate the navigation techniques taught in our Squadron courses. They combine the structure of a learning environment with the unpredictability of real-world conditions. That blend is where growth happens.

Here's how rallies enhance your seamanship:

Precision Under Pressure In a rally, every second counts. You're challenged to apply time-speed-distance calculations with accuracy, just as you practiced in Marine Navigation. But now, you're doing it with wind shifts, vessel traffic, and your own boat's quirks in the mix. This pressure sharpens your decision-making and builds confidence. Mastery of Set and Drift Advanced Marine Navigation teaches you how to anticipate and compensate for current. A rally forces you to *prove* it. When your predicted arrival time is off by seconds, you immediately see the impact of current and learn how to refine your estimates.

Real-Time Dead Reckoning Rallies reward skippers who can maintain situational awareness even when GPS is not the primary tool. You'll find yourself using DR positions, bearings, and ranges exactly as taught in class, but with the added satisfaction of seeing your calculations match your actual track.





Learning Through Friendly Competition. There's something uniquely motivating about trying to match one's predicted time by hitting a checkpoint with perfect accuracy. The friendly competition pushes you to refine your techniques and learn from others often more than you expect.

The Classroom Comes Alive

Many Squadron members say that after their first rally, the concepts from Marine Navigation and Advanced Marine Navigation suddenly "click." What once felt abstract becomes practical. What once felt theoretical becomes muscle memory.

You begin to understand *why* the courses emphasize precision. You see *how* small errors compound. And you discover that navigation is not just a skill, it's a craft.

A Pathway to Becoming a Better Mariner

Whether you're new to navigation or a seasoned cruiser, participating in Cruiser Navigation is one of the most rewarding ways to grow. You'll become more confident, more accurate, and more aware of your vessel and the environment around you.

Most importantly, you'll be part of a tradition that celebrates seamanship, camaraderie, and continuous learning, the very values that define the San Diego Sail & Power Squadron.

If you haven't yet tried a Cruiser Navigation Rally, consider joining the next one as an observer. Your skills and your enjoyment of navigation will reach a whole new level.



Lake Murray SPS, Cruiser Navigation Rally (Source: FaceBook)



SDSPS Class Schedule through the end of 2026:

Current ABC #2 – Doug

Planning for Cruise Planning SDYC - 1 Sep (Ted and Caludia to teach)

Planning for Marine Navigation - 5 OCT (Doug to teach)

Planning for Weather Course - 23 October (Jerry to teach)

Steven

Squadron Education Officer, America's Boating Club San Diego

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Treasurer's Report

P/C Carole Hallock, AP

SDSPS Treasurer

Ahoy to all of you, this time enjoying our time in San Diego on the Carole Ann.

I can't tell you how nice it feels to be rocked to sleep at night by the gentle roll of the water beneath the boat. In the mornings, I take my coffee up to the sundeck and enjoy watching the early morning traffic which includes paddle boarders and boats heading into the bay. In the afternoon, the scene is a little more chaotic especially with the young sailors learning the ropes of sailing in the yacht clubs small boat fleets, maybe some potential power squadron members in the future!

Our Squadron finances continue to be stable with our activities being at a breakeven point as far as expenses and income revenue. I was unable to attend our July picnic at Mission Beach, but I understand it was a big success thanks to Peter's and Alice's efforts. In September I'm looking forward to our GMM being held at Ted and Claudia's home. I hope to see many of you there.

In the meantime, enjoy the beautiful weather that we are so lucky to have in San Diego and safe travels both on the water and the land. Again, hope to see some of you on the water or some other squadron event. My email address is below.

Carole

Carole Hallock, AP

Treasurer, America's Boating Club San Diego

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Summer BBQ & GMM @ DeAnza Cove
(Look what you're missing!)





Lessons Learned from the US Coast Guard - 2026

P/D/C Adriaan Veldhuisen, SN-ON
San Luis Rey Sail & Power Squadron

[Ed. Note: This issue of the Ships' Mail continues a regular educational column by one of our local senior USPS members, a USCG-licensed Captain, and a great instructor. This marks but one of several initiatives to bring our geographically close Squadrons closer nautically, educationally, and socially. Please thank Adriaan for his willingness to help us educate the San Diego Sail & Power Squadron boating community!]

SAFETY LESSONS FROM THE US COAST GUARD – JUNE/JULY

The proverb “You’re Never Too Old to Learn” means that **learning** can happen at any age. It encourages people to keep an open mind and embrace new knowledge or skills, no matter how old they are. This saying suggests that age should not be a barrier to education or personal growth. The proverb applies to my life, particularly with regard to boat safety.

I got that quote from some AI source and it’s easy to agree with. Imagine an 84-year-old man (me) who decides to go on a RIVER cruise in south-east France, between the cities of Lyon and Avignon, with members of his local Power Squadron. He thinks that there is not much news to learn about boating safety, right? Not necessarily.

Picture this, all safety information for this cruise comes from a continuous loop on your cabin TV, without verification that you viewed the 30-minute segment, while being encouraged to consume large amounts of alcohol and live under a high level of distractions! It made me think that life is good, but that this kind of **safety instruction** is far from applicable to our Southern California boating life. The key idea is that age should not limit the ability to gain new knowledge or skills, even under extremely pleasant circumstances. Back home, a safety briefing before you take guests out is still a good idea.

On a different topic, our country celebrates its 250 years of existence. That may not seem like much after we extensively toured through Europe. (We visited the palace of the French pope, 700 years old!). But I hope that our boating community will commemorate this year, as without SAIL there wouldn't likely be a “discovery” that lead to this Independence Day.

For my challenge in the previous issue, we looked at one of the two Rules that I have used most to formulate my questions. They are Rule 34 – Maneuvering and Warning Signals, and Rule 18 – Responsibility Between Vessels. This last one is also called Vessel Priority or “Pecking Order”. Here was my question: your power-driven vessel is underway when you sight a sailing vessel on your port bow. Which is the stand-on vessel? The Navigation Rules and Regulations Rule 18 (a) says that a power-driven vessel underway shall keep out of the way of (iv) a sailing vessel. This makes it a give-way vessel, Rule 16, and it makes the sailing vessel the stand-on vessel, Rule 17.

For JUNE/JULY, let’s take this one important step further. We determined that the sailing vessel is the stand-on vessel. So, when is this stand-on vessel first allowed by the Rules to take action In order to avoid collision?

1. When the two vessels are less than one-half mile from each other.



2. When the give-way vessel is not taking appropriate action to avoid collision.
3. When collision is imminent.
4. The stand-on vessel is not allowed to take action at any time.

First read the Rule which defines a Stand-on Vessel. It is the vessel that shall maintain its course and speed when encountering another vessel, known as the "give-way vessel."

I hope you consider our "On the Water Boating Program" with Stf/C Shawn Goit as the instructor in the classroom and on the water. <https://americasboatingcluboceanside.org/classroom/>

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News from District 13

D/C Harold "Hal" Hoadley, AP

I hope everyone has been enjoying the summer with the nice cool weather along the coast. For those of us inland, temperatures in or near 100 each day has kept things pretty hot. We are looking forward to cooling off, but that may not be until October. With the lack of water in the Colorado Reservoirs, a number of lakes have been closed to boating, and more than one lake has had a "fish save" weekend where fish are caught, placed in tanks, and trucked to other lakes with more water.



Looking at District activities, our Fall Conference dates have been set for October 10th in Carpinteria between Ventura and Santa Barbara on the coast. No host hotel, that gets expensive, but there are two hotels close to where it will be held. For those in the San Diego area, up through Irvine toward Los Angeles, Amtrack provides train service to Carpinteria. Contact Jill Powel our District Administrative Officer about train tickets. The official Call to Meeting is being prepared and will be sent out soon. A



couple of details to be finalized including the Saturday Agenda. The Conference will start with a Friday Night Social Hour at a local restaurant. Lunch and Dinner on Saturday will be included in the Registration Fee (if one) and Sunday you can either catch the train home or do other things in the area. For those that are driving, Solvang in the Santa Ynez Valley is a fascinating Dutch community.

Also coming up in September, Debbie and I will be attending the USPS Governing Board meeting in Cary, NC, just outside of Raleigh. See the home members page at <http://www.usps.org> for information and hotel registration. **Hurry, the discount ends next week if you have not already made your reservations.** If you have not been to a General Governing Board, there is more to it than meets the eye. This is a chance to visit with



the National Committees and your National Officers and let your voice be heard. Airfare is not unreasonable all the way cross country, but for health reasons Debbie and I will be driving.



(Photo by the Editor)

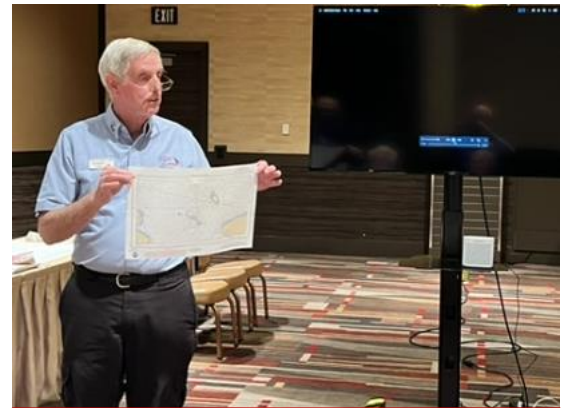
Next Spring, for planning purposes, Las Vegas will be the area for our District Spring Conference and Annual Meeting to be held in April. Our thanks to Las Vegas Squadron for helping out to find a venue that won't cost us an arm and a leg. The days of \$19.00 a day rooms are long gone, even most shows and buffets are gone. Debbie and I will be driving from Denver to that Conference also.

On the organizational front, D30 has formally asked to dissolve. Boulder Valley Sail and Power Squadron in Colorado after careful consideration, decided to join with D16 up in the Pacific Northwest rather than with us. Frankly, D16 has a better organization at the District Level, something we can fix. We have two Squadrons in D13

that have been on the cusp of dissolving also. If formal approval of the Governing Board is still required, I will request that the National Executive Officer propose the dissolution. We will help the few remaining members transfer to other Squadrons in the District. Debbie and I are planning on transferring to Las Vegas, as it is the closest Squadron to our home in Aurora just southeast of Denver.

On the education front, squadrons that have not taught a class in over a year are seriously in jeopardy of losing their Charter. Need help on that front, contact our District Educational Officer, D/Lt/C Jay Higgins, SN, or myself. We can help you put together a simple program, even teaching classes remotely if necessary. Remember that it is through our Educational Program that we recruit new members. If you don't need any new members, let me know as you are probably the only Squadron in USPS that doesn't.

Attendance at our Council Meetings has been disappointing, to say the least. According to our By Laws, we are required to hold a Council Meeting prior to our Fall Conference. The council needs to vote on a proposed By Laws amendment to recommend it to the Conference. At the Fall Conference we will consider the Amendment, and if approved, it will be forwarded to the National Rules Committee for final approval. The text will be included in the official Call to Meeting.



D/Lt/C Jay Higgins, SN

Summer is starting to wind down here in Colorado. Boulder Valley is planning their haul-out party, which is hard for me to get used to. They actually remove their boats from the water in anticipation of Ice forming on the lakes, and even snow over the winter. Could get a lot of snow, if you believe the Weather Bureau. We could sure use the water. They have been thinking that about rather than Boating Events, it is time to get out the Dune Buggies.

Our best wishes go out to Las Vegas Commander Keith Nunnery, SN. His wife Chandra is seriously under the weather, requiring assistance and a wheelchair to even get around the house. We wish Chandra a speedy recovery, but with back issues, don't know about that.



As always, I look forward to hearing from you, the members. All I ask is that the text match the Subject Matter. Adding to a chain with a "by the way" comment buried in the chain will get lost, and I may not be able to find it. Also, if you are responding to a posted email, PLEASE don't copy what was already sent. That just clutters thing up and makes it hard to track the conversation.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Carpinteria in October.

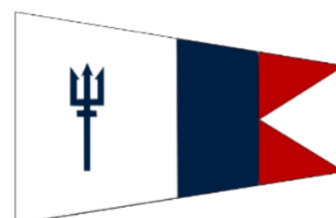
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News from National P/R/C Allan T Bombard, SN-ON

Mark your calendars now for the upcoming Fall Governing Board meeting in Cary, NC – a suburb of Raleigh where the USPS Headquarters building is located.



Join us in Raleigh—register now & save



This year's America's Boating Club | United States Power Squadrons Governing Board Meeting is from Sept. 20-27 and located in Cary, North Carolina—just minutes from our Raleigh headquarters. If you haven't booked your accommodations or registered for meals, time's running out to save money!

📅 [Book your hotel room](#) at the Embassy Suites by **Aug. 20** to lock in the group rate of **\$164**. (That price includes free shuttle transportation to and from the airport, 50% off daily self-parking, free breakfast and a complimentary cocktail party.)

🍴 [Register for meals and events](#) by **Aug. 9** to secure the early-bird discounts. Sign up for a North Carolina Courage soccer game, a tour of headquarters including the Charles F. Chapman Memorial Library, the Dinner-Dance and more—check out the full schedule [here](#).

📖 While you're at it, [read the meeting newsletter](#) put together by the National Meetings



Committee.

So, what are you waiting for? [Register now](#)—and we'll see you in Raleigh!

2026 Fall Governing Board Meeting Sept 20-27, 2026

Register before August 10, 2026 to save 20% or more on reservations!



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2026 GOVERNING BOARD NEWSLETTER

Raleigh, NC, September 20-27, 2026



Fall Governing Board
September 20-27, 2026
Raleigh, North Carolina

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Check out the Newsletter here:

https://portal.americasboatingclub.org/common/Uploaded%20files/NMC/NMC_Newsletter%20Raleigh%20NC%20Sept%202026%20First%20Edition.pdf

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P.S. A bit of additional notes from National:



Leave Your Legacy in the Commemorative Brick Garden

The United States Power Squadrons Headquarters serves as the heart of our organization—a place where our history, mission and commitment to safe boating come together. To help preserve and maintain this important facility for future generations, members and supporters now have a unique opportunity to become a permanent part of its legacy through the Commemorative Brick Garden.

The Commemorative Brick Garden offers individuals, families, squadrons and friends of the organization the chance to purchase an engraved brick that will be permanently displayed at Headquarters. Each brick serves as a lasting tribute while helping support an important cause.

For a contribution of just **\$100.00 per brick**, participants can personalize their brick with a name, message, squadron affiliation, memorial tribute or words of recognition. Whether honoring a dedicated member, commemorating a special achievement, celebrating a loved one or simply showing support for the organization, each brick tells a story and becomes part of the Headquarters landscape.

Most importantly, *all proceeds from brick sales are dedicated to the maintenance and preservation of the United States Power Squadrons Headquarters building.* These funds help ensure that the facility remains a welcoming and functional center for administrative operations, member services, educational programs and organizational leadership activities.

The Commemorative Brick Garden not only enhances the beauty of the Headquarters grounds but also creates a visible reminder of the many individuals whose dedication has helped strengthen our organization over the years. Visitors will be able to walk through the garden, read the inscriptions and appreciate the lasting contributions made by members and supporters.

By purchasing a commemorative brick, you are making more than a donation—you are creating a permanent connection to the United States Power Squadrons and helping safeguard the future of our Headquarters. Every brick laid represents pride in our organization, commitment to our mission and support for generations of boaters yet to come.

We invite all members, squadrons and friends to participate in this meaningful project. For only \$100.00, you can leave your mark, honor someone special and contribute directly to the ongoing care and maintenance of our Headquarters building.

Please visit the “Brick” table at the Fall Governing Board and purchase a brick to become a permanent part of our history—one brick at a time.



And finally, for those of you who would like to take a course that is not available currently either through our Squadron or Oceanside, here are the current online listings of courses offered by other Squadrons throughout the country. Explore the opportunities below!!



Introduction to Marine Batteries Seminar

Chapter:	Richmond District: 5 - Web Site 
Contact:	Jim Juritsch
Phone:	804-338-0873
Email:	mauijim04@gmail.com
Location:	Zoom
City:	Richmond, VA 23225
Start Date:	Tue 06 OCT 26
Time:	07:00PM <i>Eastern</i>
Registration Date:	Tue 06 OCT 26
Format: Virtual	ZOOM
STATUS:	Accepting Registrations
	Click here to inquire about or pre-register for this seminar

BH Knots & Line Handling Seminar

Chapter:	Main Line District: 5 - Web Site 
Contact:	Meridith S. Barrett
Phone:	610-384-0744
Email:	merib@comcast.net
Location:	Zoom 2 Hours
City:	West Chester, PA 19380
Start Date:	Mon 28 SEP 26
Time:	06:30PM <i>Eastern</i>

Format: Virtual	ZOOM
STATUS:	Accepting Registrations

Weather for Boaters Seminar

Chapter:	Main Line District: 5 - Web Site 
Contact:	Meridith S. Barrett
Phone:	610-384-0744
Email:	merib@comcast.net
Location:	Zoom 2 Hours
City:	West Chester, PA 19380
Start Date:	Mon 12 OCT 26
Time:	06:30PM <i>Eastern</i>
Format: Virtual	ZOOM
STATUS:	Accepting Registrations

BH Docking & Undocking Seminar

Chapter:	Main Line District: 5 - Web Site 
Contact:	Meridith S. Barrett
Phone:	610-384-0744
Email:	merib@comcast.net
Location:	Zoom 2 Hours
City:	West Chester, PA 19380
Start Date:	Mon 26 OCT 26
Time:	06:30PM <i>Eastern</i>



Format: Virtual	ZOOM
STATUS:	Accepting Registrations
Partner in Command Seminar	
Chapter:	Main Line District: 5 - Web Site 
Contact:	Meridith S. Barrett
Phone:	610-384-0744
Email:	merib@comcast.net
Location:	Zoom 2 Hours
City:	West Chester, PA 19380
Start Date:	Mon 09 NOV 26
Time:	06:30PM <i>Eastern</i>
Format: Virtual	ZOOM
STATUS:	Accepting Registrations
Introduction to Marine Batteries Seminar	
Chapter:	St. Paul District: 10 - Web Site
Contact:	Karen J. Manor
Phone:	651-492-1515
Email:	kjmanor@comcast.net
Location:	Bayport Marina Clubhouse
Address:	200 5th Ave. S
City:	Bayport, MN 55003
Start Date:	Sat 29 AUG 26
Time:	09:00AM <i>Central</i>

Registration Date:	Fri 28 AUG 26
Registration Time:	05:00PM <i>Central</i>
Format: Classroom & Virtual	GoToMtg
STATUS:	Accepting Registrations
Advanced Marine Navigation Course	
Chapter:	Richmond District: 5 - Web Site 
Contact:	James P. Zeigler
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Address:	On Line
City:	Zoom, VA 23111
Start Date:	Tue 08 SEP 26
Time:	07:30PM <i>Eastern</i>
Registration Date:	Mon 07 SEP 26
Registration Time:	07:30PM <i>Eastern</i>
Format: Virtual	ZOOM
STATUS:	Accepting Registrations
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Boat Handling Course

Contact:	William Alvin Simpson
Phone:	804-909-2655
Email:	bcsimpson1@aol.com
Location:	On Line
Address:	On Line
City:	Zoom, VA 23111
Start Date:	Wed 07 OCT 26
Time:	07:00PM Eastern
Registration Date:	Wed 07 OCT 26
Registration Time:	07:30PM Eastern
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Marine Electrical Systems Course

Chapter:	Richmond District: 5 - Web Site 
Contact:	Frank H Timpano
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Location:	On Line /virtual
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Start Date:	Thu 15 OCT 26

Time:	07:00PM Eastern
Registration Date:	Thu 01 OCT 26
Registration Time:	06:30PM Eastern
Format: Virtual	ZOOM
STATUS:	Accepting Registrations
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Advanced Marine Navigation Course

Chapter:	Annapolis District: 5 - Web Site 
Contact:	Michael J. Maszczenski Jr.
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Email:	maszmike@gmail.com
Location:	Zoom
Address:	103 Little Neck Rd
City:	Stevensville, MD 21666
Start Date:	Wed 30 SEP 26
Time:	07:00PM Eastern
Registration Date:	Sat 26 SEP 26
Format: Virtual	ZOOM
STATUS:	Accepting Registrations
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Marine Navigation Course	
Chapter:	Oyster Bay District: 3 - Web Site 
Contact:	Thomas J. Peltier
Phone:	516-987-9715
Email:	peltiertj99@gmail.com
Location:	Virtual
City:	Plainview, NY 11803
Start Date:	Thu 08 OCT 26
Time:	08:00PM Eastern
Registration Date:	Tue 29 SEP 26
Format: Classroom & Virtual	ZOOM
STATUS:	Accepting Registrations
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Boat Handling Course	
Chapter:	Syracuse District: 6 - Web Site 
Contact:	Tess Freedman
Phone:	315-446-6329
Email:	tbfreedm@gmail.com
Location:	Tess Freedman Home and Hybrid With Zoom
Address:	205 Barrington Rd.
City:	Syracuse, NY 13214

Start Date:	Tue 15 SEP 26
Time:	07:00PM Eastern
Registration Date:	Tue 15 SEP 26
Format: Classroom & Virtual	ZOOM
STATUS:	Accepting Registrations
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Boat Handling Course	
Chapter:	Buzzards Bay District: 34 - Web Site
Contact:	Richard G. Moore
Phone:	508-888-8238
Email:	chmbrck@live.com
Location:	Virtual Presentation
Address:	19 Sandwich Road
City:	Bourne, MA 02532
Start Date:	Tue 15 SEP 26
Time:	06:30PM Eastern
Registration Date:	Wed 09 SEP 26
Format: Virtual	
STATUS:	Accepting Registrations



Advanced Marine Navigation Course

Chapter: Beverly-Marblehead District: 34
- [Web Site](#)

Contact: Patrick J Pearce

Phone: 508-932-1229

Email: patrickpearce@comcast.net

Location: Beverly, Ma

City: Beverly, MA 01915

Start Date: Tue 22 SEP 26

Time: 07:00PM Eastern

Registration Date: 20 SEP 26

Format: ZOOM
Virtual

STATUS: Accepting Registrations

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Marine Electrical Systems

Chapter: Houston District: 21 - [Web Site](#)


Contact: Roger H. Runnels

Phone: 713-254-6615

Email: uspssrtohouston@gmail.com

Location: Home Port

Address: 6910 Bellaire Blvd. #15

City: Houston, TX 77074

Start Date: Tue 15 SEP 26

Time: 07:00PM Central

Registration Date: Mon 02 NOV 26

Registration Time: 05:00PM Central

Format: ZOOM
Classroom & Virtual

STATUS: Accepting Registrations

Cruising Under Power and Sail Course

Chapter: Houston District: 21 - [Web Site](#)


Contact: Stephen C. Sheward

Phone: 832-512-9582

Email: steve@sheward.com

Location: Home Port

Address: 6910 Bellaire Blvd. #15

City: Houston, TX 77074

Start Date: Tue 03 NOV 26

Time: 07:00PM Central

Registration Date: Mon 02 NOV 26

Registration Time: 05:00PM Central

Format: ZOOM
Virtual

STATUS: Accepting Registrations

**Offshore Navigation Course**

Chapter:	Everett District: 16 - Web Site 
Contact:	Linda Martin
Phone:	425-422-4721
Email:	pfdprettyfancydude@yahoo.com
Location:	Everett
Address:	3119 112th Place SE
City:	Everett, WA 98208
Start Date:	Mon 21 SEP 26
Time:	06:30PM Pacific
Registration Date:	Mon 14 SEP 26
Registration Time:	06:30PM Pacific
Format: Classroom & Virtual	
STATUS:	Accepting Registrations
	Click here to inquire about or register for this advanced class

Weather Course

Chapter:	Beaverton District: 32 - Web Site 
Contact:	Steven Gatton
Phone:	503-620-9497
Email:	sgatton33@comcast.net
Location:	Home Via Zoom
Address:	18990 Sw Pilkington Rd

City:	Lake Oswego, OR 97035
Start Date:	Thu 23 JUL 26
Time:	07:00PM Pacific
Registration Date:	Mon 20 JUL 26
Registration Time:	07:00PM Pacific
Format: Virtual	ZOOM
STATUS:	Accepting Registrations

Advanced Marine Navigation Course

Chapter:	Friday Harbor District: 16 - Web Site 
Contact:	Ann E. Einboden
Phone:	360-298-0868
Email:	seo@abcsji.org
Location:	San Juan Island Yacht Club
Address:	273 Front Street
City:	Friday Harbor, WA 98250
Start Date:	Tue 29 SEP 26
Time:	06:30PM Pacific
Registration Date:	Tue 15 SEP 26
Format: Classroom & Virtual	ZOOM
STATUS:	Accepting Registrations

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP****Primary Member**

Name (First Middle Last)		Cert# (if any)	DOB / /
Mailing Address			Significant others name
City / State / Zip Code			USPS/ABC Prior Member ☐ Yes ☐ No
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email	
Referred by: _____ I want to join for/because: _____			
Do you own a boat? ☐ Yes ☐ No Are you a Sea Scout? ☐ Yes ☐ No			

Vessel Information:

LOA	Boat Name	MMSI	Propulsion Pwr / Sail / Human/ _____
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Additional Active Members (must reside in the same household as active member)

Name (First Middle Last) 2	DOB	Prior Member Y / N	Cert# (if any)
Email	Cell Phone		
Name (First Middle Last) 3	DOB	Prior Member Y / N	Cert# (if any)
Email	Cell Phone		
Name (First Middle Last) 4	DOB	Prior Member Y / N	Cert# (if any)
Email	Cell Phone		

Signature 1

Signature 2

Signature 3

Signature 4

Volunteer Interests: Ways I/we can support the success of the club (circle all that apply)			
Boating Activities	Education	Newsletter	Public Relations
Communications	Hospitality	Photography	
Community Service	Membership	Other: _____	

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Squadron Code	Squadron Name	ExComm Approval Date <i>N/R if not required</i>
Authorized Signature Cdr or Membership Chair		Authorized Signatures Certificate #

MemCom 1- New Member Application

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New Members:

If you would like to join our Squadron, please print the application above, fill it out, and send it to the Secretary, P/C Paula Vance, P at 230 W. Laurel St; Unit 304; San Diego, CA 92101. Our annual dues are currently \$103 for a single and \$146 for a family membership.



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